

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Nakamura, et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/788,847 EXAMINER : Burkhart, Michael D  
FILING DATE: February 27, 2004 ART UNIT : 1633  
FOR: GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA  
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. With a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee, this paper is due on or before April 17, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 25371-021 CIP.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.